

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Satomi. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The invention enables a user to have a multiplicity of terminals, of different types, and for each to intercommunicate with an application. In one embodiment, there is a central entity for administering the terminals of the user. In this regard, the user registers the terminals with the central entity, including information on the manner in which applications can interact with them and which methods of information exchange are supported. Applications that contact the user refer to this information in order to determine the best method to contact the user.

Satomi discloses an information registration method of assigning a code to information and registering the information. The Examiner specifically refers to Satomi at col. 8, lns. 23-67 and col. 9, lns. 1-19 as disclosing the claimed invention (claims 1 and 9). However, Applicants' respectfully disagree with the Examiner in this regard. In Satomi, there are two terminals, the user's portable terminal 400 and a usable P service terminal 100. The user can enter a P code at the P service terminal, which corresponds to information stored in the IP server 300. However, the IP server has nothing to do with the administration of either the portable terminal 400 or the P service terminal 100. Rather, the IP server 300 notifies a P service terminal user of a P code informed from the P service server 200 by inserting the P code on media 610 such as newspapers and magazines or describing the P code in mail information transmitted to the user's portable terminal 400 using a portable telephone mail service 600. In the claimed invention, on the other hand, the information stored in the central entity relates to the nature of the user's terminals, as evident from Figure 3, and claims 1 and 9

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122009800. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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